

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Werner MEDERSKI, et al. : Group Art Unit.: 4131
Serial No.: 10/551,670 : Examiner: BIANCHI, Kristin A.
Filed: September 20, 2005 :

Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 1-N-(PHENYL)-2-N-(PHENYL)PYRROLIDINE-1,2-DICARBOXAMIDE DERIVATIVES AND 1-(PHENYLCARBAMOYL)PYRROLIDINE-2-CARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES AS INTERMEDIATES

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 7, 2008, applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to processes of preparation, and as a species elect the first compound of claim 17, which is subject of example 1, and is 1-[(4-chlor-phenyl)]-2-{[4-(3-oxo-morpholin-4-yl)-phenyl]}-(2R,4R)-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxamide.

The traversal is on the basis that the PTO has not established that it would pose an undue burden to examine the full scope of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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